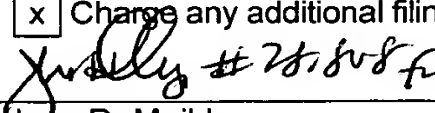
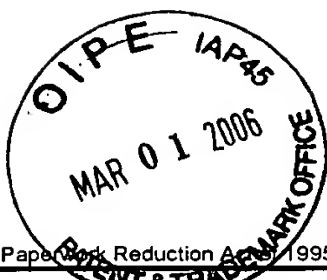




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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER				Docket No. 1403-0212P	
Application No. 09/903,694-Conf. #009156		Filing Date July 13, 2001		Examiner L. K. I. Wyrozebski	
Art Unit 1714					
Applicant(s): Narihiro TAHARA et al.					
Invention: RUBBER COMPOSITION FOR TIRE TREAD					
MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450					
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.					
CLAIMS AS AMENDED					
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Total Claims	5	- 20 =		x	
Independent Claims	1	- 3 =		x	
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Other fee (please specify): Extension for response within third month					1,020.00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT:					1,020.00
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<input type="checkbox"/> No additional fee is required for this amendment.					
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 Andrew D. Meikle Attorney Reg. No.: 32,868				Dated: <u>March 1, 2006</u>	
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FEE CALCULATION							
1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES							
	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		
		Small Entity		Small Entity		Small Entity	
Application Type	Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fees Paid (\$)
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	
2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES							
						Small Entity	
						Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)
Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)						50	25
Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)						200	100
Multiple dependent claims						360	180
Total Claims		Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)	Multiple Dependent Claims		
_____ - 20 = _____		x _____	= _____		Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)	
Indep. Claims		Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)			
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3. APPLICATION SIZE FEE							
If the specification and drawings exceed 100 sheets of paper (excluding electronically filed sequence or computer listings under 37 CFR 1.52(e)), the application size fee due is \$250 (\$125 for small entity) for each additional 50 sheets or fraction thereof. See 35 U.S.C. 41(a)(1)(G) and 37 CFR 1.16(s).							
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4. OTHER FEE(S)							
Non-English Specification, \$130 fee (no small entity discount)						Fees Paid (\$)	
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March 1, 2006

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Office Action dated September 1, 2005, the period for response to which having been extended until March 1, 2006, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

Claim 4 is canceled.

Claim 1 is amended.

New claims 7 and 8 are added.